

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 ISLAMA 05809 181209Z

45

ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 ADP-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03

INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SS-15

USIA-12 EA-11 NIC-01 ACDA-19 IO-13 AID-20 RSR-01 /168 W

----- 116516

R 181102Z JUL 73

FM AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 119

INFO AMEMBASSY KABUL

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMCONSUL KARACHI

AMCONSUL LAHORE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ISLAMABAD 5809

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AF, PK

SUBJECT: GOP INADEQUATELY INFORMED ON AFGHAN DEVELOPMENTS,  
ASKS FOR INFO ON REPORTS OF FIGHTING

1. GOP IS APPARENTLY GETTING VERY LITTLE FIRM NEWS ON  
COUP DEVELOPMENTS IN AFGHANISTAN FROM ITS OWN SOURCES.  
ACTING FOREIGN SECRETARY ALTAF SHAIKH AND OTHER  
MFA OFFICIALS HAVE CALLED EMBOFFS SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST  
TWO DAYS TO EXPRESS CONCERN OVER LACK OF INFO AND ASK  
WHAT WE HAVE HEARD. WE HAVE RELAYED TO THEM CAREFULLY  
SELECTED EXCERPTS FROM AMEMBASSY KABUL MESSAGES  
ON FACTUAL SITUATION.

2. URDU LANGUAGE DAILY JANG CARRIED ARTICLE JULY 18  
REPORTING THAT DAUD'S TROOPS ENCOUNTERED SERIOUS  
RESISTENCE FROM SUPPORTERS OF KING ZAHIR IN SEIZING  
KABUL, WITH LARGE NUMBER OF PERSONS INCLUDING "TWO  
FOREIGN ENGINEERS" KILLED. ARTICLE CLAIMED THAT NUMBER  
OF TRIBAL LEADERS, RELIGIOUS LEADERS AND SENIOR POLITICIANS  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 ISLAMA 05809 181209Z

HAD DECLARED THEIR SUPPORT FOR KING, AND THAT ARMED

CLASHES WERE CONTINUING IN VARIOUS PARTS OF COUNTRY BETWEEN LOYALISTS AND REBEL TROOPS.

3. FONSEC SHAIKH PHONED POL COUNSELOR URGENTLY MORNING JULY 18 TO DRAW OUR ATTENTION TO JANG ARTICLE AND ASK IF WE HAD ANY INFO TO CONFIRM IT. POL COUNSELOR REPLIED THAT WE HAD NO SUCH INFO BUT CAUTIONED THAT WE KNEW LITTLE OF WHAT WAS HAPPENING OUTSIDE KABUL AND VICINITY. IN LATER CONVERSATION WITH POL COUNSELOR, SHAIKH SAID GOP HAD CONTACTED JANG AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT SOURCE OF REPORT WAS "TRUCK DRIVERS" FROM AFGHANISTAN IN QUETTA. SANDERHOFF

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 18 JUL 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** golinofr  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973ISLAMA05809  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS SANDERHOFF  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** ISLAMABAD  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19730726/aaaaatck.tel  
**Line Count:** 73  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** golinofr  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 26 SEP 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <26-Sep-2001 by martinml>; APPROVED <18-Jan-2002 by golinofr>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** GOP INADEQUATELY INFORMED ON AFGHAN DEVELOPMENTS, ASKS FOR INFO ON REPORTS OF FIGHTING  
**TAGS:** PFOR, AF, PK  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005